Episode #35: Festival of Bonds

Characters:

- Ash Ketchum
- May
- Max
- Dawn
- Ty Masterum
- Raye Rose
- Jonah
- Lillie
- Sakura
- Sarah
- Avery Meadows
- Nurse Joy
- Kimono Sisters
  - Sakura
  - Satsuki
  - Koume
  - Sumomo
  - Tamao
- Morty
- Victor
- Demi
- Professor Elm
- Kimberly Masterum **(Screen)**
- Guzma
- Plumeria
- Team Skull grunts
  - Tupp
  - Zipp
  - Rapp
  - Yuho
- Ecruteak City residents

Pokemon:

- Pikachu **(Ash's)**
- Blaziken **(May's)**
- Glaceon **(May's)**
- Manaphy **(May's)**
- Piplup **(Dawn's)**
- Quilava **(Dawn's)**
- Teddiursa **(Ty's)**
- Croconaw **(Ty's)**
- Gyarados **(Ty's)**
- Eevee **(Raye's)**
- Psyduck **(Raye's)**
- Plusle **(Raye's)**
- Rockruff **(Jonah's)**
- Squirtle **(Jonah's)**
- Minun **(Jonah's)**
- Vulpix **(Lillie's; Alolan form; Snowy)**
- Espeon **(Sakura's)**
- Litten **(Sarah's)**
- Girafarig **(Sarah's)**
- Pachirisu **(Avery's)**
- Wooper **(Avery's)**
- Croconaw **(Victor's)**
- Snubbull **(Victor's)**
- Buneary **(Demi's)**

- Fennekin **(Demi's)**
- Sylveon **(Demi's)**
- Jolteon **(Satsuki's)**
- Flareon **(Koume's)**
- Vaporeon **(Sumomo's)**
- Umbreon **(Tamao's)**
- Gastly **(Morty's)**
- Haunter **(Morty's)**
- Gengar **(Morty's)**
- Golisopod **(Guzma's)**
- Scizor **(Guzma's)**
- Salazzle **(Plumeria's)**
- Salandit **(Tupp's; ×3)**
- Yungoos **(Zipp's; ×3)**
- Garbodor **(Zipp's)**
- Zubat **(Rapp's; ×3)**
- Victreebel **(Yuho's)**
- Raticate **(Team Skull Grunt's; Alolan form)**
- Bastiodon **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Vikavolt **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×3)**
- Drowzee **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Hippowdon **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Stunky **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×2)**

Symposis:

Plot:
Ash and the gang return to Ecruteak City in the evening, which is alive with the streets full of people putting decorations on, which Sakura says it's the annual Ecruteak Festival is underway, honoring the deep bonds between trainers and pokémons. Ty is congratulated by the townspeople for earning his gym badge while they congratulated Ash as a champion, suddenly, Sakura reunites with her sisters, who was waiting for her to perform a Kimono dance together tonight for the festival which the Ash and his friends are excited about while Morty joins in, greeting the gang once again while Ty was pleased to see him again after his hard-fought victory against him, Morty asked Ty about his journey, which he was happy that he earned his badges since he's almost to compete at the Indigo Plateau, impressing Morty, saying to Ty that he's getting stronger now along with his pokemons. The Kimono sisters asked the gang to help set up some decorations and make tea at her dance theater before the festival began and they offered them a kimono outfit as part of a celebration, which they accepted.

They finished making a decoration of the dance theater and offers a tea for everyone, Morty tells the gang go with him for a snack while Sakura stays with her sisters for their performance sooner. At the streets with full of people and pokemons, Team Skull under their kimono outfit as a disguise, infiltrates the city to search for Ash and his friends for revenge until Yuho spots a boy believing to be “Ash” but it was different, making the boy cry and his grandmother hits Yuho with a fan, causing him to flee with his grunts. With the festival began, Ash and his friends are having a great time together with Ty offering Raye Jonah and Dawn a snack to share while Teddiursa shares a dumplings with Eevee and his buddies just as Sarah wins a poliwhirl charm prize by competing against Lillie on the ring toss while Ash tries to win a prize on a Magikarp scoop game, but misses, May was laughing at Ash for not catching it, which Ash protested, however, Raye gave it a try scooping game and wins a eevee charm. Meanwhile, Guzma spies on Ash and his friends and he tells his grunts to be ready sooner as they continue to stay positive during the festival.

As the festival continues, Ash and his friends were watching the fireworks, but, they're view was interrupted by Victor and Demi this time, who arrived here before them, the gang was not happy to about him of being here, with Victor saying that this fireworks or festival is boring, but Sarah says that this festival is about bonding, he ignores her, calling the worst event just as their discussion continue to argue. Victor tells Ty to stay behind, he ignores his insult as he has earned with badges while Victor will win his next gym badge. Demi and Raye stare at each other, asking if she's happy for her pokemon she has, which Demi wasn't smiling at it, demanding for a rematch for tonight, Raye refuses since she celebrated the festival with her friends, then, Morty joins with them, asking Victor to be nice with them, he didn't smile as he ignores them just as he tells that he'll face him Ty next time just as he and

Demi leaves to other areas to entertain themselves. Suddenly, the announcement was heard that Kimono girls will perform their dance any minute, everyone was excited.

As night falls and the festival reaches its peak, fireworks illuminate the sky again. Suddenly, Manaphy noticed a cotton candy from the Kimono women not knowing that it's Rapp, Manaphy tries one, but it was a trap, Rapp succeeded by catching that pokemon much to the gang's shock with May calling Manaphy, the celebration is disrupted when Team Skull crashes the festival, mocking tradition and challenging Trainers in the crowd. Chaos erupts as civilians scatter, Ash's team along with Morty and the kimono sisters joins forces to battle Team Skull, they met with Victor and Demi again asking for help, but they refused, Sakura persuaded them to help them, they unsurprisingly of that but chose to help, despite being rivals, Victor supports Ty but told him by not trying get in his way. Ty ordered Teddiursa to counter attack Bastiodon with Fury Swipes while Croconaw under Victor's command knocks out Drowzee with Ice Fang while Zipp ordered Garbodor by launching his Sludge Bomb directly at them, but they successfully dodged it as they both attack with their combined Water Gun at Garbodor, after knocking out, their teamwork is rough at first, filled with disagreements and clashing styles, but they gradually learn to synchronize their strategies after they were calmed by Dawn, recommending to stop the rivarly argument and work together witht the gang agreeing to that, Ty and Victor restrained and proceeded to continue working together. While Rapp still has Manaphy captured, she is cornered by Morty's Gengar and Haunter while Gastly stares at her, frightened it, she runs away back to her grunt while she drops Manaphy, freed and reunites with May.

During the battle, Demi orders Sylveon and Fennekin to attack Victreebel with Fairy Wind and Fire Spin, but misses it right until Victreebel counters Sylveon with Vine Whip. However, Plusle and Minun strike the flycatcher pokemon with Spark together with Raye and Jonah's order. Guzma and his grunts gathered together against Ash's team, luckily, Sakura and her sisters joined in to assist the gang, Yungoos and Zubat were knocked out by Flareon and Jolteon attack while Umbreon, Espeon and Vaporeon takes out Salazzle, Salandit and Raticate, causing their grunt’s pokemon fainted, Guzma ordered his Golisopod and Scizor to attack Ash's team, despite that, both of them was knocked out by Pikachu’s Quick Attack and Teddiursa’s Payback, then Pikachu used Thunderbolt at the grunts, defeating them in process as they fully retreated. Ash's team celebrates their victory and protects the city and their festival while they thanked the kimono girls for helping while Manaphy flew in happiness. As the festival resumes and ready to watch the kimono girl dance, Ty thanked Victor for fighting alongside him, but Victor refuses to accept his thanks saying he only cares for himself and his pokemon, despite he didn't thanked them, Ty tells Victor to have a battle next time, he merely turns away, but gave him thumbs up as he and Demi leaves to stay at the pokemon center. They watched Sakura and her sisters dance at the kimono theater, the gang watches in awe while Morty joins up with them, thanking Ash and his friends for saving the city as Ty calls the festival a miracle, he and Dawn were smiling at each other. As the dance ends, the crowd applauds warmly, with paper lanterns released into the sky, floating upward like glowing stars.

The following morning, Nurse Joy gave their healed pokemons back to them as everyone prepares to continue their journey to Mahogany Town for Ty's upcoming gym battle, but before they leave, Ty receives a phone call from his mother, Kimberly, asking his adventure, he was having a great time while he shows his gym badges to her, making her smile just as she asked him to return home to New Bark Town for a visit. The invitation excites Ty, and Raye is equally thrilled at the chance to see their family as they invite their friends over. After the phone call, Ty and Raye invited Ash's gang to visit their hometown, Ash and his friends agree to travel back together, marking a temporary pause in their journey. As they leave Ecruteak City, Professor Elm arrives on the van to pick them up while Sakura joins them while Morty appears, bidding farewell as they tell them to stop by again. The gang leaves for New Bark Town for a visit.

Major events:

Trivia: